

## Featured External Funding Opportunities | February 2023

### Arts and Humanities

- [National Endowment for the Humanities Announces Five Humanities Initiatives Programs](#)  
The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Education Programs is accepting applications for the five Humanities Initiatives programs: Humanities Initiatives at Colleges and Universities, Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Humanities Initiatives at Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges. The purpose of these programs is to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new humanities programs, resources (including those in digital format), or courses, or by enhancing existing ones.
- [National Endowment for the Arts Announces Research Grants Program](#)  
Research Grants in the Arts support research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life. The NEA welcomes research proposals that address priority topics and possible questions as outlined in the agency's FY 2022-2026 research agenda. The four research areas are: 1) the arts' impact on health, education, and the economy; 2) the arts' role in community transformation and healing; 3) diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts; 4) the evolving ecosystem of the arts in the U.S.

### Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders

- [Department of Justice Announces BJA FY23 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)  
The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding programs that support cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs). This program furthers the DOJ's mission by strengthening public safety and increasing community trust.

### Other

- [Department of the Interior and National Parks Service Announce Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program](#)  
In recognition of the significance of Route 66 to America's heritage, Congress passed an act in 1999 to create the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. Administered by the National Park Service, the program is dedicated to preserving the special places and stories of the historic highway. First funded in 2001, the program collaborates with private, nonprofit, and government partners to identify, prioritize, and address priority preservation needs of Route 66. The program provides cost-share grants for the preservation of the most significant and representative building, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor, covering Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Cost-share grants

are also available for planning, research and educational initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66. The funding and technical assistance provided by the program empowers and leverages the public to preserve and commemorate the special places and stories of this important era of American history. The cost-share grant program is established for Fiscal Year 2023 only and is subject to revision or cancellation based on annual congressional or programmatic appropriations and priorities. The projects and activities will be individually authorized by separate awards, with each project or activity having a separate work plan and budget developed cooperatively between the NPS and the grantee.

- [Environmental Protection Agency, Research Training Program for College and University Students](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD) seeks to support a Research Training Program for college and university students. The objective of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to support the training of undergraduate and graduate students on site at EPA's research facility located in Cincinnati, Ohio. ORD conducts timely, mission-relevant, solution-oriented research based on the principles of integrity, sustainability, and responsiveness to the needs of the Nation. The Research Training Program will substantially benefit future environmental scientists, researchers, and technicians by allowing trainees to collaborate with senior EPA-ORD scientists while conducting projects in a fully operational federal research laboratory. The overall goal is to train the next generation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) scientists to further the Agency's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, manage chemical risks, and protect America's water. All training projects will be conducted at EPA's facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio. Some examples of the fields of study for desirable student trainees include (but are not limited to) those majoring in chemistry, engineering, biology, computer science, physical science, life science, ecology, and urban planning.